process Control, Computer Software have been recognised as potential areas for tec-hnology • transfer to countries such las Australia, Canada, France, Ltlay U. K.

Stopping the import of kits for colour ' Televisions

*312. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N£. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering 'a proposal to stop the import of kits for colour television in a phased manner; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SMV-RAJ PATIL): (a) The import of the kits for the Colour Television is not permitted as per the import policy.

(b) Does not arise.

Mutual benefit scheme

*313. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER he pleased to state:

(a) what amounts were seized by the Income Tax Department in various raids conducted oh the premises of persons run- - ning 'mutual benefit schemes' in Punjab in August, 1983;

fb) what was thcijtrffiber of claims filed so far by different persons 'aggrieved by the operation of these schemes;

(c) whether these claimants/victims were afforded an opportunity of hearing and what decisions have been taken on their claims for the return of the money illegally received from them;

(d) whether any investigation has been conducted *to* ascertain whether the operators had any linkages which could prove prejudicial to the State; and

(e) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAN-ARDHAN POOJARI): (a) A search, under the Income-tax Act which was conducted in August 1983 in the premises of the firm M/s lanta Janta Scheme, Sir-hind, Punjab resulted in the seizure of unaccounted cash of Rs. 67. 34 lakhs.

!(b) 88, 921 claims were filed by different persons with the Income Tax Department
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(c) Yes, Sir. While assessing the income of the firm, due opportunities to claimants regarding the depqsits with the firm were given. The money was not illegally received from the claimants by th$_e$ Department.

(d) and (e) No evidence of linkages which could prove prejudicial to the State has come to the Notice of the Income Tax Department.

Accredited correspondents by PIB

*314. DR. BAPU. KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be please'd to refer to Unstarred Question No. 316 given in the Rajya S'abha on the 6th Nov., 1986; and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several in-formation officers have been appointed to cater to the requirements of the accr3di-ted correspondents by the Press Information Bureau for every Ministry of Goven-ment and its departments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereto; and

. (c) whether it is a fact that these Information Officers have been discriminating in the issue of hand-outs and information to a selected few of their choice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND. BROADCASTING (SHRT AJIT PAN J A): (a) Varous Publicity Officers of the Press Information Bureau have been attending to the publicity work of Ministries/Departments.